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Subj: 1998 INTERNAL MEDIA AWARDS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5720.44A

Encl: (1) CHINFO Merit Awards Program

- (2) TJ Awards Official Entry Form
- (3) Sample Authorization Letter
- (4) Print Categories and Entry Specifications
- (5) Broadcast Categories and Entry Specifications
- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To describe in detail the Chief of Information (CHINFO) Merit Awards and issue guidelines for participation.
- 2. <u>Background</u>. The basic objectives of the awards discussed in reference (a) are to recognize exemplary achievements in internal media products by Navy commands and individuals. CHINFO first place winners, except those in Navy-unique categories, will be forwarded to compete in the interservice competition, the Thomas Jefferson Awards, sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD).
- 3. <u>Action</u>. Addressees are requested to disseminate the information contained in this notice as appropriate. Entries should be submitted in accordance with the guidelines in enclosures (1) through (5).
- 4. Report. The reporting requirement contained in enclosure (1) is exempt from reports control by SECNAVINST 5214.2B.

/s/

THOMAS J. JURKOWSKY Chief of Information

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CHINFO MERIT AWARDS PROGRAM

- 1. <u>Background</u>. The annual CHINFO Merit Awards Program recognizes outstanding achievements in internal media products produced by Navy commands and individuals. The program is coordinated by the Naval Media Center. First-place CHINFO Merit Award entries, with the exception of those in Navy-unique categories, will be forwarded to American Forces Information Service for further competition as official Navy entries in the appropriate categories in the Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson (TJ) Awards contest.
- 2. <u>Entry Dates</u>. Print/broadcast entries must be received no later than 12 February 1999. Judging will be held 1-31 March 1999. Winners will be announced via message and on the Naval Media Center website at: www.mediacen.navy.mil on or about 9 April 1999.
- 3. <u>Categories</u>. Detailed descriptions of each category listed below are contained in enclosures (4) and (5). The following are categories for which CHINFO Merit Awards will be presented:
- a. <u>Print Media</u>: Military Funded Newspapers, Civilian Enterprise Newspapers; Newspapers (Magazine Format); News Article; Feature Article; Commentary; Sports Article; Single or Stand-alone Photograph; Picture Story; Photojournalism; Illustrative Art; Special Achievement in Print Media; Flagship Publication; Contribution by a Contractor/Stringer; Print Journalist of the Year; Familygram, Cruisebook; Internal Publication for a Specific Audience.
- b. <u>Broadcast Media</u>: Radio Entertainment Program; Radio Spot Production; Radio News Story; Radio Feature Story; Radio Sports Story; Local Radio Newscast; Regional Radio Newscast; TV Information Program; TV Spot Production; TV News Story; TV Feature Story; TV Sports Story; Local TV Newscast; Regional TV Newscast; Command Information Program; Broadcast Journalist of the Year; SITE TV Newscast; SITE TV Spot Production; SITE Open.
- 4. <u>Mandatory Publication and Broadcast Dates</u>. Mandatory publication dates are specified in enclosure (4). Mandatory broadcast dates are no longer required for any categories.

5. Eligibility

- a. All Department of Navy active duty, civilian and Selected Reserve personnel are eligible to compete. Civilian Enterprise newspaper contractor personnel as well as civilian stringers for an official or authorized publication may compete in the Contribution by a Contractor/Stringer category only.
- b. Department-level publications and professional or technical publications such as **Naval Aviation News**, **Surface Warfare**, **Navy Recruiter**, **Fathom**, **Link**, **Trident**, **Sealift**, **Deckplate** and **Spawarrior** are not eligible for print categories A-F. These publications may compete only in the Navy-unique category, Publication for a Specific Audience.
- c. Department of Navy personnel assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense or its elements, including the American Forces Information Service and the Stars and Stripes newspapers are ineligible.

- d. Department of Navy personnel assigned to the Naval Media Center Publishing Division may compete in all photography and writing categories to include Print Journalist of the Year.
- e. Department of Navy personnel assigned to $\it Navy/Marine Corps News$ may enter broadcast category P (Broadcast Journalist of the Year) and not more than four other categories.
- f. All entries must have been published or aired during calendar year, 1 January 1998 through 31 December 1998.
- g. In the print categories, published articles, illustrative art or photos from civilian newspapers, e.g., *Navy Times*, *The Washington Post* or *Stars and Stripes* are ineligible. Competition is open only for Navy funded and authorized civilian enterprise internal newspapers produced by Navy commands.
- h. The following media are not eligible to enter the awards program: civilian enterprise (CE) guides and directories, yearbooks, educational and training films and commercially produced broadcast products.

6. Entries

- a. Entries must be received at the Naval Media Center no later than 12 February 1999. Late or incomplete entries will be disqualified.
- b. In the writing, photography and illustrative art categories, individuals are limited to one entry per category but may enter all categories for which they are eligible. Units and teams may enter unit categories once. No entries may be submitted in more than one category with the exception of the Print Journalist of the Year category.
- c. The official entry for print categories, except categories A-F, T, U, and possibly O (depending on submission), must be a tear sheet with folio line of published material from internal media mounted on $11" \times 14"$ mat boards, with a copy of the entry form mounted on the back.
- d. In broadcast categories, commands may select to enter as a unit representing the command or as a team (group of contributors), but they may not enter as both. Individuals are limited to one entry per category but may enter all categories for which they are eligible. If the option of unit or team is selected for a specific category, no individual entries from that command may be entered in that same category. Individual entries should have priority over unit entries. No single entry (package) may be submitted in more than one category except for Broadcast Journalist of the Year.
- (1) Contact Mr. J.D. Leipold, Naval Media Center, Visual Information Policy Department, DSN 288-3776, commercial (202) 433-3776 or email leipold@mediacen.navy.mil with questions concerning print categories.
- (2) Contact JOCS(SW) Merrilee Paige, Naval Media Center, Broadcasting Department, DSN 288-4714, commercial (202) 433-4714 or email paige@mediacen.navy.mil with questions concerning broadcast categories.

- e. All entries become the property of the CHINFO Merit Awards Program and will not be returned.
- 7. <u>Judging</u>. A team of journalists, photographers and public affairs specialists will be selected by Naval Media Center to serve as judges for the CHINFO Merit Awards.
- a. Entries will be judged on professional excellence, originality, appeal to target audience and support of Department of Defense and Department of Navy internal information themes and objectives.
- b. Judges may select a first, second, third and honorable mention winner in each category. Where entries in a category are deemed not up to contest standards, judges may choose not to confer awards.
- c. Publications will be judged on the following elements: editorial mix, quality of writing, layout/design, graphics and photos, editing and reader feedback. Individual print entries will be judged on the following general elements: originality, clarity, accuracy, organization, grammar and spelling.
- d. Photography and illustrative art entries will be judged on the following general elements: originality, technical elements, composition, impact and how well the photo or artwork tells a story or supports a story or theme.
- e. Broadcast entries will be judged on the following general elements: originality, clarity, accuracy, organization, lighting, sound and editing techniques.

8. Awards

- a. By type, the following categories of awards are established: individual, team and unit. Team entries may have up to three co-equal contributors. Unit entries may have a primary contributor and up to five significant contributors. In extremely rare instances, the number of contributors may exceed five; in those cases, an exception to this policy must be requested in accordance with subparagraph c.
- b. Team awards may be made for up to three people in an organization; the intent is to recognize contributions that are significant, equal and integral to the success of the submission. An example is where duties on a radio program are shared by two people. The intent of this award is to establish a level of recognition between individual and unit awards, with the latter designed to recognize contributions by a greater number of individuals working as a department or command.
- c. There may be instances when the number of individuals who significantly contributed to a team or unit submission exceeds the designated limit for an award. On those occasions, an exception in the number of contributors may be requested. The request must be in writing and accompany the official entry form (enclosure 2). At a minimum, the request will identify the individual contributors by name and position, with a brief description provided of the specific contributions made and the specific justification as to why an exception should be granted. To preclude any denigration in the significance of the CHINFO Merit Awards, these requests should be held to a minimum.

9. Mailing Procedures

a. Mail print and broadcast entries to:

CHINFO Merit Awards Program
Naval Media Center, CNO (N09C4)
Naval Station Washington, Bldg 168
2701 South Capitol Street SW
Washington DC 20373-5819

b. Please check packages before mailing. Each year, entries are disqualified because enclosures were forgotten. Overseas commands should allow time for mail to reach the Washington, D.C. area. Entries must reach Naval Media Center by 12 February 1999.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THOMAS JEFFERSON AWARDS PROGRAM

Official Entry Form (Please Print or Type)

Service Submitting Entry: (circle one) USN USNR USMC USMCR
Medium: (circle one) Print Broadcast Type of Award: Individual Team Unit
Category: (circle one) ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV
Category: (write one)
Entry Title:
Air Date: Location:
Unit POC: Rank, Name, Service Branch, Position Title (PAO, Editor, Sta. Mgr), Email Address
Submitting Unit: Unit Name & Complete Mailing Address, DSN & Commercial Phone #s
Command Level POC: Rank, Name, Position Title, Mailing Address, Email Address, DSN & Commercial Phone #s
Please provide the following information as it should appear on the award certificate . Primary Contributor(s) will either be the unit/duty section or individual. In case of the team award, a maximum of 3 individuals may be listed. Significant Contributor(s) are always individuals and a maximum of 5 individuals may be listed. All individuals must be identified by Rank, Name and Service Branch. Primary Contributor(s) Significant Contributor(s)
Unit/Duty Section

SAMPLE AUTHORIZATION LETTER

Department of the Navy ATTACK SQUADRON 00 NAVAL AIR STATION ATLANTIC YOURTOWN USA 01010-1234

> 5305 Serial 111/ Date

From: Commanding Officer, Attack Squadron 00 To: Commanding Officer, Naval Media Center

Subj: CHINFO MERIT AWARDS CONTEST

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5305

Encl: (1) Entry form and entry package for Print Category A

- (2) Entry form and entry package for Print Category ${\tt F}$
- (3) Certificate of Authenticity for Print Category F
- 1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted. Point of contact is JO2 I.M. Saylor, COMM (555) 555-5555 or DSN 555-5555. Email address: saylor@whatever.navy.mil
- 2. The address of next senior command is:

Commander, Medium Attack Wing 00 Naval Air Station Yourtown, State 10101-1100

J. P. JONES

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I. Entry Form

- a. Use a clean copy of enclosure (2) DOD Thomas Jefferson Awards entry form as the CHINFO Merit Awards entry form.
- b. Type or print the information. Spell out full ranks, names, organization and complete address where requested. Avoid acronyms.
- c. Where mat boards are required, glue a reproduced copy of the entry form to the back of the example in the entry. Be sure to submit the original entry form as an enclosure to the authorization letter.

II. Authorization Letter

- a. Enclosure (3) is a sample authorization letter. All entries may be submitted under one cover letter. List as many enclosures as required.
- b. Enclose a Certificate of Authenticity for individual print category entries without by-lines. This certificate is a dated memo signed by the commanding officer, public affairs officer or officer in charge stating the submission to be the entrant's work.
 - c. Include a point of contact, phone number and email address.
- d. Entry letter must be signed by the commanding officer, officer in charge, or a person with "by direction" authority, be dated and serialized.

e. All submissions must have been published between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1998.

III. Publication Categories

- a. **Military Funded Newspaper, Large, Category A.** Funded tabloid or metro newspaper.
- (1) Category Al/Deployed Units. This is designed to recognize the outstanding efforts of deployed units (ships, squadrons, battalions, detachments).
- (2) Category A2/Shore Units. This is designed to recognize the outstanding efforts of shore commands.
- (3) Winners of categories Al and A2 will compete against one another for the overall category A winner. The overall winner will be forwarded to the Thomas Jefferson Awards.
- b. **Military Funded Newspaper, Small, Category B.** Funded smaller than tabloid newspaper.
- (1) Category B1/Deployed Units. This is designed to recognize the outstanding efforts of deployed units (ships, squadrons, battalions, detachments).
- (2) Category B2/Shore Units. This is designed to recognize the outstanding efforts of shore commands.
- (3) Winners of categories B1 and B2 will compete for the overall category B winner. The overall winner will be forwarded to the Thomas Jefferson Awards.
- c. **Military Funded Newspaper, Newsletter, Category C.** Funded newspapers in a newsletter format generally characterized by an 8-1/2 X 11 inch format with a single staple in the upper left-hand corner.
 - d. Civilian Enterprise Newspaper, (Metro), Category D.
 - e. Civilian Enterprise Newspaper, (Tabloid), Category E.
- f. Newspaper, (Magazine format), Category F. Non-Civilian Enterprise publications which are designed and bound like magazines.
 - g. Specifications for the Categories A, B, C, D, E & F.
- (1) Submit **TWO** issues published from among two of the three following dates: 20 March 1998, 24 July 1998 and 4 September 1998. If publication dates are not the same as those identified, then the dates most immediately PRIOR should be used. Monthlies may submit two examples from the following months: March 1998, July 1998 or September 1998.
 - (2) Paperclip copy of entry form to submission.

- (3) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
- (4) Type of award: May be submitted as either unit, unit with primary contributor entries.
- (5) Differences in products due to non-editorial considerations, such as full color printing, coated stock, etc., will not be taken into account during judging.

IV. Individual Writing Categories

- a. There are four categories.
 - (1) News Article, Category G.
 - (2) Feature Article, Category H.
- (3) *Commentary, Category I.* This category is deemed appropriate for regularly published columns, general commentary, observations and other opinion-type print products.
 - (4) Sports Article, Category J.
 - b. Specifications for Categories G, H, I & J.
- (1) Submit $\underline{\text{ONE}}$ article from an original newspaper tearsheet. Include the folio line which may be detached from the article. Do not use a photocopy.
- (2) Article must be by-lined, or include a certificate of authenticity.
 - (3) Photos and line art must be deleted.
- (4) Neatly cut out the example and mount on an 11" x 14" mat board. A tearsheet may be folded to fit on one board or if a centerspread, two mounting boards may be joined with sturdy tape side by side to give the appearance of an open book.
 - (5) Glue a copy of the entry form to the back of the mat board.
- (6) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
 - (7) Type of award: Must be submitted as an individual entry.

V. Individual Photography Categories

- a. There are three categories.
- (1) Single or Stand-Alone Photograph, Category K. Entry must be either a single photo in support of a story or a stand-alone photo. Captions are optional, although they will not be judged.

- (2) **Picture Story, Category L.** Entry must have two or more photos that tell a story. Display and body copy should not be deleted, although they will not be judged.
- (3) **Photojournalism, Category M**. Entry must have two or more photos accompanied by either news, feature or sports stories. The photography, captions, cutlines and body copy must have all been produced by the entrant. All elements will be judged.
 - b. Specifications for Categories K, L, & M.
- (1) Submit ONE example from an original newspaper tearsheet. Include the folio line which may be detached from the article. Do not use a photocopy. Do not send original photographs.
 - (2) The example may not be submitted in more than one category.
- (3) Neatly cut out the example and mount on an 11" x 14" mat board. A tearsheet may be folded to fit on one board or if a centerspread, two mounting boards may be joined with sturdy tape side by side to give the appearance of an open book.
 - (4) Glue a copy of the entry form to the back of the mat board.
- (5) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
- (6) Type of award: Must be submitted as an individual entry. In categories requiring two or more photographs, all photographs must have been produced by the same photographer.

VI. Illustrative Art

- a. *Illustrative Art, Category N.* Illustrative art may be drawn, computer-generated or produced through traditional means, to include a drawing, painting or air-brushed art in support of a story or theme (includes cartoon art). The supported story must be included but will not be judged.
 - b. Specifications for Category N.
- (1) Submit <u>ONE</u> example from an original newspaper tearsheet. Include the folio line which may be detached from the article. Do not use a photocopy. Do not send original artwork.
- (2) Neatly cut out the example and mount on an $11" \times 14"$ mat board. A tearsheet may be folded to fit on one board or if a centerspread, two mounting boards may be joined with sturdy tape side by side to give the appearance of an open book.
 - (3) Glue a copy of the entry form to the back of the mat board.
- (4) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.

(5) Type of award: Must be submitted as an individual entry.

VII. Special Achievement in Print Media

- a. Special Achievement in Print Media, Category o, is for products which do not readily fall into other categories. An entry is \underline{one} example which may be a special edition newspaper, pamphlet, special series or other one-time publication project.
 - b. Specifications for Category O.
- (1) Paperclip a copy of the entry form to the submission or glue to a 11" x 14" mat board if the entry consists of a tearsheet.
- (2) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
- (3) Type of award: May be submitted in any format deemed appropriate. Should a unit decide to enter, it may enter once, therefore efforts should be taken to enter the best from a variety of products. For example, if a port call booklet has been produced as well as a ship's calendar, the unit must decide which to enter. The unit may not enter both.
- VIII. Open Writing, Category P. This category has been deleted from the Chief of Information Merit Awards. Originally, this category was for personnel assigned to All Hands magazine. Those personnel are now eligible to compete in all photography and writing categories to include category S (Print Journalist of the Year).
- IX. Flagship Publication, Category Q. This category recognizes the overall excellence of the flagship publications at the Thomas Jefferson Awards only. It applies to the following magazines only: All Hands, Airman, Soldiers, Marines and Coast Guard.
- X. Contribution by a Newspaper Contractor-Stringer, Category R. This category recognizes an outstanding contribution by a non-DON employee who serves as an editorial staff member on either a funded or Civilian Enterprise publication. The entry may be an example from any of the writing or photography categories.
 - a. Specification for category R.
- (1) Submit <u>ONE</u> article from an original newspaper tearsheet. Include the folio line which may be detached from the article. Do not use a photocopy.
- (2) Articles must be by-lined, or include a certificate of authenticity.
 - (3) Photos and line art must be deleted.
- (4) Neatly cut out the example and mount on an 11" x 14" mat board. A tearsheet may be folded to fit on one board or if a centerspread, two mounting boards may be joined with sturdy tape side by side to give the appearance of an open book.

- (5) Glue a copy of the entry form to the back of the mat board.
- (6) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
 - (7) Type of award: Must be submitted as an individual entry.

XI. Print Journalist of the Year

- a. **Print Journalist of the Year, Category S**. This award recognizes the individual who best exemplifies the highest standards of military print journalism through writing in a spectrum of categories of internal information.
 - b. Specifications for Category S.
- (1) Submit $\underline{\textbf{FIVE}}$ examples from original newspaper or publication tearsheets. Include the folio line which may be detached from the article. Do not use photocopies.
- (2) The entry must include at least one story in three of the four writing categories (G, H, I & J). For example, two sports stories, two news articles, and one commentary. Clearly label the article on the entry form, i.e., "Protector of the Trees"-Feature Article, "Softball Season"-Sports Article, etc.
 - (3) Must be by-lined or include a certificate of authenticity.
 - (4) Do not delete photos and artwork.
- (5) Neatly cut out examples and mount one per 11" x 14" mat board. A tearsheet may be folded to fit on one board or if a centerspread, two mounting boards may be joined with sturdy tape side by side to give the appearance of an open book.
 - (6) Glue a copy of the entry form to the back of each mat board.
- (7) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
- (8) Include a <u>Letter of Nomination</u> from your commanding officer or officer in charge. The letter endorses your submission and tells the judges why you should be selected the Print Journalist of the Year. Enclosures to the letter of nomination are:
- (a) Two 5" \times 7" black-and-white or color, head-and-shoulders portraits of the entrant (in uniform if a service member).
 - (b) One-page biographical sketch.
 - (9) Type of award: Must be submitted as an individual entry.

XII. Navy-unique Categories

- a. Familygrams, Categories T1 and T2. There are two categories, Category T1 (small commands-fewer than 500 persons) and Category T2 (large commands-500 or more persons).
- (1) Familygrams must be from units which were deployed at the time of publication (ships, squadrons, detachments, battalions). The familygram is a means of keeping the family at the home port informed of unit activities.
- (2) Enter $\underline{\text{ONE}}$ familygram distributed during deployment in calendar year 1998.
 - (3) Paperclip copy of entry form to submission.
- (4) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
- (5) Type of award: This category may be submitted as either a unit or unit with primary and/or significant contributor(s) entry.
- b. Cruisebooks, Categories U1 and U2. There are two categories, Category U1 (small commands-fewer than 500 persons) and Category U2 (large commands-500 or more persons).
- (1) Submit <u>ONE</u> copy of the unit's cruisebook. If a cruisebook was prepared during the previous fiscal year, it will be eligible if distributed during the award year.
 - (2) Indicate date of cruisebook distribution in the cover letter.
 - (3) Paperclip copy of entry form to the cruisebook.
- (4) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
- (5) Type of award: This category may be submitted as either a unit or unit with primary and/or significant contributor(s) entry.
- c. Internal Publications for a Specific Audience, Categories V1 and V2. There are two categories, V1 Newspaper format and V2 Magazine format. This is a print media award for professional and technical publications such as Naval Aviation News, Surface Warfare, Navy Recruiter, Fathom, Link, Sealift, Deckplate, Trident, Spawarrior. Specifications for Categories V1 & V2:
 - (1) Submit ONE issue published during calendar year 1998.
 - (2) Paperclip a copy of entry form to submission.
- (3) Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.
- (4) Type of award: This category may be submitted as either a unit or unit with primary and/or significant contributor(s) entry.

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- a. Use a clean copy of enclosure (2) as the CHINFO Merit Awards entry form.
- b. Type or print in the information. Spell out full names, ranks, organization and complete address where requested. Avoid acronyms.
 - c. Include a copy of the entry form with your submission.
 - d. Submit original entry form as a separate enclosure with cover letter.

II. Authorization Letter

- a. Use enclosure (3) as a sample authorization letter. All entries may be submitted under one cover letter. List as many enclosures as required.
- b. Entry letter must be dated, serialized and signed by the commanding officer, public affairs officer, officer in charge or an individual with "By direction" authority.
- c. All submissions must have been broadcast during calendar year, 1 January 1998 through 31 December 1998
- d. Overseas commands should allow time for mail to reach the Washington, D.C. area. Entries must be received no later than 12 February 1999. (See enclosure (1), paragraph 9.a.)

III. Broadcast Entry Packaging

- a. General Guidelines
- (1) In every category with the exception of categories O and P, provide only ONE example of the product specified.
 - (2) Entries in separate categories must be on separate tapes.
 - (3) Music segments will be telescoped to 10 seconds or less.
- (4) Inserts not locally produced or relevant to the entry must be telescoped to 10 seconds or less. Exceptions are categories K and L which will be submitted in their entirety.

- (5) Non-AFRTS production facilities that use commercial music must provide copyright clearance. Attach to the entry form written approval from the artist, music license agency, musicians' union, recording company and synchronization rights. News releases or features are exempt under the provisions of the Fair Use Doctrine.
- (6) Entrants are strongly encouraged to submit "as aired" copies of TV "News/Sports Story" submissions that include downstream fonts and graphics.
 - (7) Two copies of the entry form must accompany each entry.

b. Audio Submissions

- (1) Audio entries should be on audio cassette or mini-disc. In those cases where reel-to-reel is the only format available, submissions should be on 1/4 inch reel-to-reel tape recorded at 7-1/2 ips using 1.5 mil tape, which is recommended since thinner tape is likely to stretch when fast-forwarded during judging. At least 2 feet of leader will be placed at the beginning and end of each reel. Excess tape must be cut from reel-to-reel entries.
- (2) Each tape/mini-disc/reel must have in the following order: (a) 10 seconds of tone; (b) audio slug; (c) 2 seconds of silence; (d) the entry. Note: For categories O and P, ensure there are 3 seconds of silence between each product example on the tape, do NOT include any further tone or slugs between entrances.
- (3) A label will be placed on the entry box and on the cassette (or reel) listing: entry title, length, category, name of the submitting organization and name of the primary contributor.

c. Video Submissions

- (1) Video entries will be on 1/2-inch Beta, VHS, Hi-8mm or 3/4-inch videotape cassette. BetaCam SP format is preferred. Submissions must have mixed audio.
- (2) Each tape must have in the following order: (a) 10 seconds of color bars and tone; (b) 10 second video slate (those locations without a character generator may use video of a piece of paper with the information written legibly); (c) 5 seconds of black; (d) the entry. Note: For categories O and P, ensure there are 3 seconds of black between each example on the tape. Do NOT include any further color bars, tones or slates between examples; (e) at least 30 seconds of black after entry.
- (3) All tape submissions should be placed in a "protect" mode. These measures are necessary to prevent accidental erasure.

IV. Broadcast Categories & Specifications

a. Radio Entertainment Program, Category A. Specifications for Category A: On a single tape, enter one example of a regularly scheduled or special disc jockey program to include both a show open and close, telescoped to a maximum of 10 minutes.

- b. Radio Spot Production, Category B. On a single tape, enter one spot not to exceed 60 seconds.
- c. Radio News Story, Category C. On a single tape, enter one example of a story which is timely and event-driven. A lead-in/tag may be typed on the back of the entry form or on separate paper.
- d. Radio Feature Story, Category D. On a single tape, enter one example which is characterized by a more in-depth approach to a story, possibly a follow-up to a previous news story. A lead-in/tag may be typed on the back of the entry form or on separate paper.
- e. Radio Sports Story, Category E. On a single tape enter one example. A lead-in/tag may be typed on the back of the entry form or on separate paper.
- f. Local Radio Newscast, Category F. On a single tape, enter one newscast in its entirety. Do not telescope.
- g. **Regional Radio Newscast, Category G.** This must be at least regional in scope of audience, to include a service-level news program. On a single tape, enter one newscast it its entirety. Do not telescope.
- h. **TV Information Program, Category H.** On a single tape, enter one example, limited to 60 minutes. Entry may be a Commander's/Captain's Call, magazine program or documentary. There are no restrictions on personnel, production facilities, or broadcast outlets, except as otherwise noted in this notice.
- i. TV Spot Production, Category I. On a single tape, enter one spot not to exceed 60 seconds.
- j. TV News Story, Category J. On a single tape, enter one example of a story which is timely and event-driven. A lead-in/tag may be typed on the back of the entry form or on separate paper.
- k. **TV Feature Story, Category K.** On a single tape, enter one example of a story which is characterized by a more in-depth approach, possibly a follow-up to a previous news story. A lead-in/tag may be typed on the back of the entry form or on separate paper.
- 1. **TV Sports Story, Category L.** On a single tape, submit one example. No on-camera studio lead-ins may be used. Typed lead-ins/tags are acceptable and may be typed on the back of the entry form or on separate paper.
- m. Local TV Newscast, Category M. On a single tape, enter one newscast in its entirety. Do not telescope.
- n. Regional TV Newscast, Category N. On a single tape, submit one newscast which is at least regional in scope, to include a service-level news program. Do not telescope.

o. Command Information Campaign, Category O.

- (1) Entries should consist of a maximum of 10 minutes of products in support of a specific local/regional command information program. Full service locations must send both radio and television products; radio-only locations send radio products.
- (2) Include a two-page documentation package comprised of a background paper and broadcast products and air history sheet with air history summary. (See enclosure (5) pages 6 and 7.) The background paper should identify the individual or organization requesting the campaign; the campaign's internal information objectives; identify the target audience; and a summary of actions taken to meet command objectives and summarize the campaign results. The broadcast elements documentation must include both the broadcast elements (spots, news stories, readers, interviews, special programs, etc.) and a brief air history summary. It may continue onto a second page if necessary.
- (3) A majority of the command information campaign must have taken place during calendar year 1998. For example: if most of a holiday campaign takes place in December 1998 and continues into January 1999, it would fall into this year's awards but will not be eligible for the 1999 awards.
- (4) Each tape must include a runsheet indicating title, length and type of product such as spot, news, promo, etc., for each example on tape.
- p. Broadcast Journalist of the Year, Category P. This award recognizes the individual whose products represent the highest standards of military broadcast journalism while communicating a command information to the internal audience.
- (1) Entrants assigned to a full-service outlet may submit radio and television products which have been produced and aired during calendar year 1998.
 - (2) Total time will not exceed 15 minutes.
- (3) Include a <u>Letter of Nomination</u> from your commanding officer or officer in charge. The letter endorses your submission and tells the judges why you should be selected the Broadcast Journalist of the Year. Include a one-page biographical sketch.
- (4) Entry should include assorted products reflecting writing, directorial and production skills. Any final script used in developing the entry products must be included.
- (5) Each entry must include a run sheet indicating the nominee's name and contribution to the segment (e.g., writer, producer, reporter, etc.).

V. Navy-unique Categories

a. SITE TV Newscast, Category Q. On a single tape enter one example of an entire newscast aired during calendar year 1998.

- b. SITE TV Spot Production, Category R. On a single tape, enter one spot example (up to 60 seconds) which aired during calendar year 1998.
- c. **SITE Open Category, Category S**. On a single tape, enter one example of a single SITE production (other than spot production or newscast) limited to 60 minutes and aired during calendar year 1998.

BACKGROUND PAPER

CAMPAIGN REQUESTER: (Who requested service?)

EXAMPLE:

Commander, 11th Civil Engineering Squadron, Bolling AFB DC

CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVE: (What did the customer hope to accomplish?)

Include any pertinent initial benchmark statistics.

EXAMPLE:

Objective 1: Reduce numbers of phone calls from community on construction products. (Current 50 calls/day.)

Objective 2: Reduce complaints on outdated facilities scheduled for construction. (Current 20 calls/day.)

Objective 3: Prevent injuries in the construction areas.

TARGET AUDIENCE: (Who did customer wish to reach? List primary and secondary audiences, if appropriate.)

EXAMPLE:

Objectives 1 & 2: Child Care Center - Military member and/or spouse with children; Dormitory Reconstruction; Enlisted members living in or on waiting list for dormitory quarters.

Objective 3: Primary: Children & adults living/working in/around construction areas. Secondary: All community members.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN: (Brief chronology of campaign from initial request to end of campaign - if campaign is finished. Include coordination with other organizations in supporting the campaign, such as the local Public Affairs representative. NOTE: On-going campaigns must have started during 1998.)

CAMPAIGN RESULTS: (Summary of goals achieved and how successful the campaign was. Include any changes to initial benchmark statistics pertaining to each objective, survey results or customer feedback.)

BROADCAST PRODUCTS & AIR HISTORY for

(Name of Command Information Campaign)

(Identify all broadcast products used in support of a campaign and its air history summary.)

EXAMPLE:

6 TV news stories

2/week

3 - 1-hour live radio phone-in shows

etc.